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Bishop dedicates Clairemont church

By Sam Lucero

CLAIREMONT — Calling it a dream come true, Msgr. William Cuddihy, pastor of St. Catherine Laboure parish, held dedication ceremonies Oct. 18 for the new church.

Bishop Leo T. Maher was joined by Msgr. Cuddihy, Father Noel Thompson, associate pastor, some 20 concelebrants and Deacon Richard Rondeau for the dedication liturgy. A standing-room-only crowd — including San Diego Mayor Maureen O'Connor — was on hand for the Mass.

The new facility seats 850 in the church and 100 in the children's room. It also houses a chapel for daily Masses and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a reconciliation room.

The new church replaces a multipurpose facility, now the parish hall, where Mass has been celebrated since 1967.

In greeting the congregation, Bishop Maher congratulated the parish for realizing their dream of a new church. He then conducted the first dedication rite: the blessing of the church, the altar and congregation.

In his homily Msgr. Cuddihy recalled the parish's anticipation of a new church. "So many people have said to me, 'We have waited so long for this day,' " he said. "Some have asked, 'Do we need it?' We needed it desperately."

Msgr. Cuddihy told the assembly that everything from hot dog sales to bingo games were conducted in the old facility. "This necessitated an ongoing movement of chairs that would boggle your mind," he said.

The main reason for the new church, according to Msgr. Cuddihy, is that "God himself has always shown a special love for what he calls his house."

"The Old and New testaments constantly refer to the glory of his house," said the pastor. "This new building is our consecrated area to the Lord in South Clairemont where we can come together as a family and worship."

Msgr. Cuddihy gave special recognition to several people who helped realize the parish's dream, including Bennett Lord, project architect of the Hendrick and Mock firm; contractors Tony and Patty Garczynski; LeRoy Smith, construction superintendent; Elaine Stachelek, landscape planner; Pat Connelly, landscaper and Bob Bernard, who did the finishing carpentry.

Jos Gomolka, who completed all of the artwork inside the church, was given special recognition.

Gomolka, who emigrated from the Netherlands three years ago, designed and installed several stained glass windows in the church. His three wooden sculptures — the main crucifix behind the altar, and two side carvings of St. Catherine Laboure and the Holy Family — decorate the front of the church.

The artist worked seven months to complete these works, which also included mosaic stations of the cross and designing altar furniture.

The Clairemont church is the third Catholic church in which Gomolka has worked. He also designed and installed six stained glass windows at St. Therese Church and created all the artwork at Ascension Church, Tierrasanta.

Msgr. Cuddihy eulogized parishioner Bill Albrecht, who offered his catering services to the dedication's reception at no cost. Albrecht, who died Oct. 16, directed the catering from his hospital bed until his death.

Following the homily, Bishop Maher blessed the new altar with holy water. "May this altar, which we have built for your holy mysteries be the center of our

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photo by Sam Lucero

DEDICATION LITURGY — Bishop Leo T. Maher elevates the host during dedication Mass at St. Catherine Laboure Church. Msgr. William Cuddihy, pastor, stands at the bishop's left.

LA prelate, Father Curran discuss dissent issue

By Al Antczak

LOS ANGELES (NC) — There are not two separate magisteriums — teaching authorities — in the church today, Archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles said Oct. 16 in an appearance with moral theologian Father Charles Curran at the University of Southern California.

"I cannot believe there are two separate, parallel tracks of teaching authority in the church — one the bishops' and one the theologians,' " the archbishop said.

But both speakers said that Catholics must adhere to certain church teachings and that some theological dissent is possible.

The two men spoke on "Authority and Dissent in the Roman Catholic Church" to an audience of about 1,000 people crowding a campus auditorium. Another 200 persons outside heard the discussion via loudspeakers.

In a papally approved order announced Aug. 18, the Vatican declared that Father Curran, a faculty member at The Catholic University of America, Washington, was "not suitable nor eligible to teach Catholic theology" because of his dissent on some matters.

Archbishop Mahony, in his talk, never mentioned Father Curran by name.

Father Curran made no specific reference to his controversial views on sexual morality.

Both men noted that there are certain teachings that Catholics must follow.

As Father Curran said, "One cannot deny certain truths and still be a Catholic. The precise question concerns the relationship between the hierarchical teaching office and the role of the theologian in the church in the area of some non-infallible, hierarchical teachings."

The authoritative, non-infallible teaching of the pope has a special character and a presumption in its favor "but it can be erroneous," Father Curran said.

"In other words, it is fallible," he said. As examples he cited changes in church teaching on slavery and the charging of interest.

Archbishop Mahony said "The church, if it is to stand for anything, has to have some common doctrine that is respected and put into practice by its members.

"As Catholics, we are expected to give our internal and external private and public assent to magisterial teaching that is clearly within our time-honored tradition," he added.

"The church," he said, "recognizes that in the course of scholarly theological work it is possible at times for legitimate dissent from infallible Catholic teaching to arise. When such dissent occurs, however, it does not replace authentic Catholic teaching but remains dissent from it," he said.

"Confronted with a dissenting opinion, authentic Catholic teaching remains what it is: authentic Catholic teaching," the archbishop said.

"It is misleading and wrong, therefore, to describe a situation of dissent, even legitimate dissent, from authentic church teaching as if it were only a matter of diversity or plurality of opinion in the church," the archbishop added.

"Because of the apostolic origin and the hierarchical structure of the church, the teaching of the magisterium is not simply one theological opinion alongside others; it is, rather, church doctrine," he said.

Justice for all

The national coordinator of NETWORK sees the U.S. bishops' economy pastoral as a call to be 'countercultural.' See page 3

Diamond jubilee

A Mass of thanksgiving ends yearlong festivities marking Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church's 75th jubilee. See page 6-7.

Women and church

A national conference attended by 2,500 Catholics, including several bishops, studies the role of women in the church. See page 8.

Local Briefs

Cardinal to speak at UCSD

LA JOLLA — Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of the Archdiocese of Chicago will discuss the values and challenges for the church in the next millenium Oct. 28, 8 p.m., at Peterson Hall 108, Third College, at the University of California at San Diego.

There is no charge for admission to the lecture, "The Church in the Third Millenium: Age-Old Values and New Challenges," presented by the Burke Lectureship on Religion and Society, a program established at UCSD.

Cardinal Bernardin became archbishop of Chicago in 1982 and a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals in 1983. He has served as president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and chairman of the NCCB adhoc committee which prepared the pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response." He serves as chairman of the board of trustees for Catholic University of America.

"We are honored to have Cardinal Bernardin come to San Diego for this lecture series," said the Rev. John G. Huber, a member of the Burke Lectureship Board of Governors and pastor of University Lutheran Church.

Parish hosts ecumenical program

SAN DIEGO — Mission San Diego de Alcala parish will sponsor a four-week ecumenical program beginning Oct. 30, 7:30-9 p.m. and continuing each Thursday until Nov. 20.

Guest speakers, representing the Catholic, Jewish and fundamental and mainline Protestant faiths include: Thomas Goble, Ph.D., of the Mission Valley Church of the Nazarene, Oct. 30; Rabbi Sternfeld of Temple Beth Israel, Nov. 6; Father Dennis Mikulanis, diocesan director of ecumenism, Nov. 13; and Rev. Vaughan Lyons, retired Navy chaplain and retired pastor of Mission Hills First Congregational Church, Nov. 20.

The ecumenical series is free and open to the public. For more information call 283-7319.

Official

Bishop Leo T. Maher

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24, 25, 26, Beverly Hills, Investiture of Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m., La Valencia Hotel, La Jolla, Eugene Burke Lectureship Dinner for Cardinal Joseph Bernardin.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 3 p.m., bishop's office, Meeting of Executive Committee, Board of Educational Ministry.

Saturday, Nov. 1, 3 p.m., Our Lady of Angels parish, outdoor Mass for 80th anniversary of Our Lady of Angels Church, and 75th anniversary of the school.

Auxiliary Bishop Gilbert E Chavez

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m., Santa Sophia, Spring Valley, confirmation.

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m., Retreat, La Quinta de Guadalupe.

Friday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m., Retreat, La Quinta de Guadalupe.



CENTENARIAN — Guadalupe Padres, a member of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish, poses with her pastor, Father Francis Penko, during home Mass marking her 100th birthday.

Guadalupe Padres celebrates 100th birthday

SAN DIEGO — Guadalupe Padres, a member of Our Lady of Sacred Heart parish, celebrated her 100th birthday recently with a Mass of thanksgiving at her home.

Padres, born Oct. 13, 1886, in Magdalena, Sanora, Mexico, moved with three sisters and a brother to San Diego in 1927. She has been a member of Our Lady of Sacred Heart since 1938, and active in the Sociadad de St. Rita (Society of St. Rita), a Catholic group for Hispanic women, for many years.

Approximately 50 friends and relatives from as far as Phoenix, Sacramento and Nogales, Mexico were present for the liturgy celebrated by Father Francis Penko, pastor of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church.

Father Penko said that Padres' active life was a fitting homily for the day, adding that she set a strong example of love and leadership to her family.

Padres, who has never been married, has three nephews and nieces, 36 grandnephews, grandnieces, great-grandnephews and great-grandnieces.

Among the letters she received were a card and picture from Bishop Leo T. Maher and a congratulatory card from President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy.

Parish hosts bazaar Nov. 8

SOLANA BEACH — St. James Church will host a parish bazaar Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Profits will be used for parish outreach programs for the poor.

The bazaar will feature games, food booths, white elephants, face painting, arts and crafts and Christmas items. Raffles and drawings with vacation and cash prizes will also be held. A steak fry will culminate the day's activities from 5-7 p.m.

For more information contact Christina Barragan at 481-5801.

Lay Carmelites profess vows

SAN YSIDRO — Seven candidates recently made professions into the Third Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Those professing vows were Raul Cosio, Juanita Sanchez, Consuelo Fleming, Ernestina Mariscal, Hermelinda Anzar, Lendra Luevano and Rosario Mendoza.

Msgr. Francisco Aldasoro, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and spiritual director of the Third Order Carmelites in San Ysidro, presided at the profession ceremony, according to Connie Castaneda, the community's master of formation.

Italian federation hosts events

CHULA VISTA — The Italian Catholic Federation, St. Rose of Lima Branch 229, will host an art exhibition and auction Oct. 25 and a dinner dance Nov. 1, at the St. Rose of Lima Parish Center, Third Avenue and H Street.

The exhibition, presented by the Robert Sills Gallery, will begin with a 6-7 p.m. preview and 7 p.m. auction. Cost is $2 per person and $3 per couple, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The dinner dance will feature Cantonese cuisine and Hawaiian music. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing at 8 p.m. Donation is $8 per person. For information on both events call John Stassi at 427-1352.

Chula Vista parish holds mission

CHULA VISTA — A parish mission conducted by Passionist Father Joseph Mitchell will be held Nov. 2-6 at St. Rose of Lima Church.

Father Mitchell, a native of Kentucky now stationed at Christ the King Retreat House in Citrus Heights, Calif., will speak each morning and evening on various Scripture themes.

The mission will begin at 7:30 p.m. and continue through Thursday evening. Daily services will be held at 9 a.m. Babysitting and transportation will be provided. All are welcome to attend the mission.

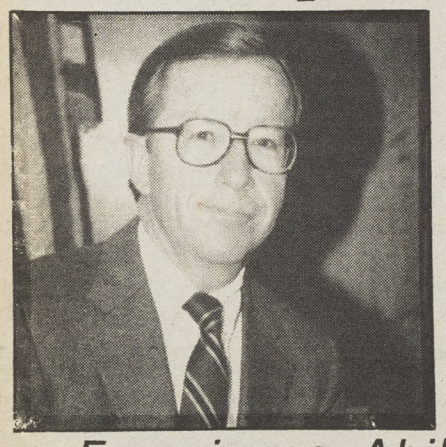
St. Mary's school seeks alumni

ESCONDIDO — A search is underway for all graduates of St. Mary's School, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year.

All who attended and graduated from St. Mary's are asked to send a postcard with name, address, phone number and class year to St. Mary's Reunion, 130 East 13th Ave., Escondido, CA., 92025.

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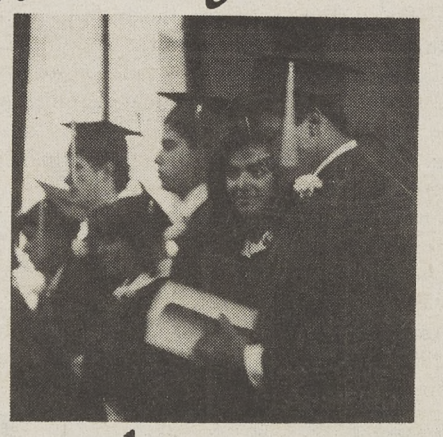


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Network director lauds economy pastoral

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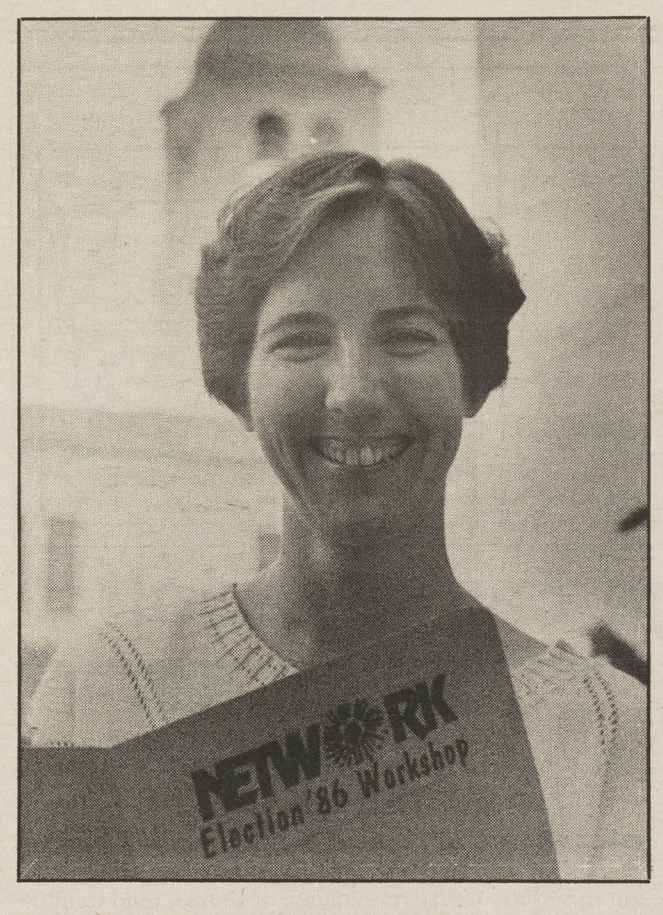


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Sister Nancy Sylvester: Economy pastoral is call for Catholics to be 'countercultural.'

By Sam Lucero

SAN DIEGO — The national coordinator of a Catholic lobbying group is pleased with the direction the U.S. bishops have taken with their pastoral letter on the economy. Final debate and vote on this document is expected next month.

"These are things we have worked for and written on for the the last 15 years. It's exciting for us to have the bishops speak out," said Sister Nancy Sylvester, IHM, head of NETWORK, a social justice lobby founded in 1971 by 47 Catholic nuns.

"What the bishops are saying has its roots in the tradition of several social justice encyclicals," she said. "It's nothing new. I'm just glad they decided to talk about it."

Sister Sylvester was in San Diego Oct. 16 to conduct an election workshop at All Hallows Church. The event was sponsored by the diocesan Peace and Justice Commission.

The pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All: Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy," is a call for Catholics to be "countercultural," said Sister Sylvester; yet it does not negate profit-making.

Many Catholics understand it is in their self- interest to be concerned about the poor, said Sister Sylvester. That challenge "is articulated in the economy pastoral."

It states that the economy must serve the people, rather than the opposite, said the former high school teacher. One only needs to look at some of the recent corporate mergers and takeovers to see that profit margins, not job security, are given priority, she added.

The recent decision to close all Gemco stores in California is one that will affect hundreds of employees, said Sister Sylvester. The closure and subsequent loss of jobs have moral implications which the pastoral addresses.

Like the bishops' economy pastoral, NETWORK bases its goals on the church's social justice teachings and encyclicals which date back to 1891. "I always say the social justice teachings of the church are the best-kept secrets," Sister Sylvester said.

The lobby group, which has a registered membership of approximately 8,000 nationwide, seeks to influence congressional leaders to enact laws providing economic justice for the poor as well as protecting human rights and promoting disarmament and world peace.

Sister Sylvester stressed the importance of an economic conversion by Americans in order to realize the effects a military buildup has on a domestic economy.

"It is appropriate to bring our eyes of faith to these issues, ask different questions and offer our values in the debate," she said.

The final draft of the pastoral emphasizes the family more, but has made no major shift from earlier positions, Sister Sylvester said.

Like many pastoral letters before it, Sister Sylvester is concerned that the economics pastoral will fall prey to apathy. "My hope will be that the bishops all over the country will try to keep it alive."

NETWORK has been promoting key concepts of the pastoral since its first draft was published, said Sister Sylvester. In the election workshop held at All Hallows, she used excerpts from the third draft to reflect on an ethical framework for economic decision-making.

Sister Sylvester has been involved in social justice issues since the 1960s. Her interest "in doing something practical in political science" led to earning a master's degree in economics and theology.

She began studying various social justice encyclicals in college and saw "a real link in our own tradition (and) in trying to bring about structural change."

The political process became a real opportunity to do something for justice, said Sister Sylvester, and in 1977 she joined the NETWORK staff as a researcher. Four years later she was named national coordinator.

Asked if there were other social concerns that could be addressed in a pastoral letter, Sister Sylvester said she avoids involvement in the church's internal issues. "We're primarily congressional lobbyists. We try to be experts in that field."

Bishop names new Southern Cross editor

Bishop Leo T. Maher recently announced that Bill Finley, director of communications for the San Diego diocese, has assumed administrative responsibility for ***Southern Cross*** publications.

Finley thus becomes editor of the weekly newspaper, the ***Southern Cross,*** the annual diocesan directory and the weekly bulletin used by 19 diocesan parishes.

"For some time we have discussed the idea of placing the newspaper within the Office of Communications," Bishop Maher said. "It seems like the natural place for it to be, and with Bill's background in journalism, this seems like the natural time to make the move."

The editor's office had been vacant since Sept. 26, when Father Louis E. Copestake, editor since 1984, departed for a one-year sabbatical.

Finley majored in journalism at San Diego State University and spent 18 years as a reporter and makeup editor for ***The San Diego Union*** and ***The Tribune.***

"It's an exciting time to be involved with the ***Southern Cross,***" Finley said. "The newspaper will celebrate its 75th anniversary next year, and there should be no shortage of interesting topics. With the jubilees coming up for our diocese and our bishop, and with the pope coming to California next fall, it promises to be a very challenging time for all of us."

In addition to naming Finley as editor, Bishop Maher appointed three priests to the newspaper's editorial board. They are Msgrs. I. Brent Eagen, John Portman and Richard Duncanson.

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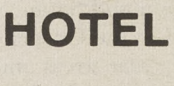
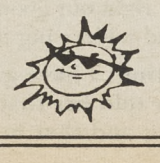
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Viewpoints

A catechist — illness, death and God's will

By Ramón Oceguera

The catechetical season is beginning, and as it begins I remember Esperanza Castillo.

Esperanza was a catechist in our parish. She was an elderly woman who had a thin face, a sharp nose, warm eyes, blond hair tinged with a few trails of white and a pair of spectacles that she always wore. Esperanza looked like the stereotype of the English teacher in one of Dickens' novels.

But Esperanza was not an English teacher. She did not know English at all. Contrary to what her appearance could suggest, Esperanza was Mexican, a product of a racially complex country.

Esperanza was not married. Had she been unable to attract a man? Had she dedicated her life to the care of a sick relative in a culture in which sacrifice is considered the pride of life?

I really do not know. Esperanza spoke very little to me. Most of our communication took place on a hidden level in which words are replaced by silence and reason by intuition.

I RECALL the last time I saw her as if it were yesterday. It was the Sunday before catechism began. She was waiting for the mothers of our already largely Mexican parish to come to the school to register their children for the new session. But the mothers did not come in large numbers. In Mexico time is fluid and people are not obsessed with the rigid maintenance of schedules.

I noticed that as time moved on, Esperanza became more and more upset. Did she already feel that her life was running through her fingers without being able to stop it? Was she perhaps anxious to be close to new life now that her own life was coming to an end? Did she feel the presence of death and its laughter as it threatens to drown our hope in the resurrection of Our Lord?

I will never know. I only know that I saw fear in Esperanza's eyes. It is the fear of an animal that has been cornered and is unable to find a route of escape. It is the same fear that we have seen in countless victims of natural and man-made disasters.

In the discreet manner in which she communicated, she told me that a tumor had been discovered in her throat and that she feared it was cancerous. She gave me the impression that she expected something from me and that all her life had been condensed in that drop of time.

WHAT HAPPENED next I still cannot explain. I consider myself a logical person who tends to be skeptical of all unexplainable phenomena. But I found myself telling Esperanza in a very strong fashion that whatever happened to her from that moment on was the "will of God." That was the last time I saw her.

As time went on, I found myself more and more puzzled by what I had said to Esperanza. Why had I spoken like that? What did I know about the will of God?

I did not see her at catechism, but I assumed she was taking a vacation. I planned to apologize to her for the foolishness and senselessness of my words.

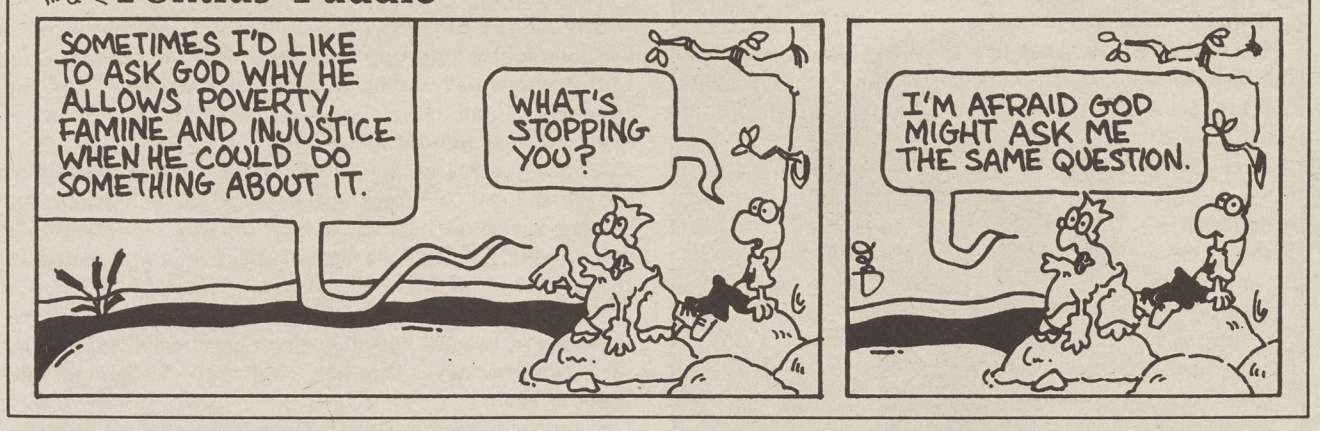
Only this summer did I learn the terrible truth. Esperanza was dead. She, who had given so much to others, had died alone. Very few people had visited her. Like Our Lord in the cross she had died alone and forsaken. It was only then that the realization of my words hit me with the force of a hammer: I had been used by the Most High as the conveyor of a message.

I REMEMBER only a few years ago the poor in Latin America were told by priests and bishops that their hunger and degradation were part of the "will of God" for them. I also remember how during the Reformation some came to believe that God had destined a few souls to go to heaven and the rest to go to hell.

Yet, Catholicism teaches us that there is such a thing as the will of God and Esperanza fulfilled it. She lived as he had lived, unknown to all but a few. She died as he died, forgotten even by her few friends, such as me. Now she stands as an example to those of us who are still on a journey of unknown length to the House of the Father who loves us all and who has prepared a place in his kingdom to all who do his will.

Ramón Oceguera is a member of Our Lady of Angels parish, San Diego.

Pontius' Puddle



The electronic age can be a jolt

The Human Side
by
Father Eugene Hemrick

The year 1986 has been a year of crackdowns for the Catholic Church. We have seen members of religious orders, theologians, an archbishop and others warned or disciplined by higher authorities.

Such actions, however, are not limited to the church. Universities, the government and the military are among institutions of society that are calling for greater restraints and conformity.

I asked a friend of mine how he interpreted these crackdowns. "I don't believe they will have the long-range effect those responsible for them want," he replied. "The real problem is that we are in a unique age which no one yet knows how to handle. When you are at a loss on how to solve a problem with new methods, you revert to old ones that once worked.

"The history of 'cracking down' has a long track record, sometimes successful and sometimes disastrous," he said. "Don't ask me to define what is exactly new in our age. I don't know."

What is new? For one thing we're living in an electronic age. Our minds are bombarded electronically with ideas our grandparents could never have imagined. We are living in an age of expanded imagination.

This electronic age did not just happen. It was created. Leading businesses, for example, attempted to foster "idea power" among staff members, viewing it as a means to success. Creativity is viewed as necessary to compete against foreign markets. An entrepreneurial spirit is encouraged — a spirit of always moving beyond the limits.

It seems that a special respect for creativity is developing in society. Creative thinkers, of course, tend to move beyond the standard ways of thinking or acting. Consequently, they often seem out of step with the ordinary procedures of everyday life. With luck and hard work, this creativity leads to worthwhile breakthroughs.

Understanding legitimate creativity is a challenge those in authority face today. (I say "legitimate" because it sometimes happens that persons claim to be creative and really are frauds.) As we move into the 21st century, all of us in one way or another are being influenced by the surge toward new creative ideas.

What should those in positions of authority do when faced with the challenge of creative ideas? When confronted with the confusion creativity often causes, do they rely on old methods by cracking down or do they come up with creative methods for responding in an age that is moving by leaps and bounds toward the 21st century?

Do they condemn, discipline and limit, or do they turn to the best methods of persuasion, encourage new and constructive resolutions of problems and find ways to work with the fact that society speaks much more of going beyond limits than of holding them today?

Father Eugene Hemrick is a columnist for NC News Service.

'Lead us not into temptation'

Questions
by
Father John Dietzen

Question: I have been wondering about the part of the Our Father that says "lead us not into temptation."

We are speaking to God, the ultimate in goodness. How can we in effect accuse him of tempting us? Wouldn't it be more accurate to say, "Let us not be led into temptation?" Also, the word "trespass" strikes me as awkward. Why not use the word "sin" in asking forgiveness?

Answer: Obviously there is no suggestion in that petition that God would lead us into sin if we did not ask otherwise. Some scripture scholars believe that this petition refers to the final conflict between good and evil, between God and Satan. At the time the Lord's Prayer was included in the Gospel of Matthew and Luke, Christians suffered great stress and intermittent violent persecution, especially from the Roman authorities, to the point that they could easily assume the end of the world was coming soon.

We know that St. Paul had to deal with this problem, particularly early in his missionary work. The inclination to believe that Jesus was coming quickly, like within the next few years, apparently dies slowly.

In the light of that concern one can understand how Christians of the time would interpret the words of Our Lord to mean that we are asking God not to "subject us to the trial" between good and evil, which human beings with their sinfulness and weakness would not be able to combat.

As far as we of the later ages of the church are concerned, the ordinary understanding is similar to the one you propose. We ask God to protect us from the evil powers of this world, our true spiritual enemies.

The approach of St. Teresa of Avila in her commentary on the Our Father is typical: "Ask him never to permit us to succumb to temptation, nor to become victims of illusion. Let us ask him to show us the poison that is there.

"May our enemies never hide the light and truth from us. How right our good Master was in teaching us this petition and addressing it to his Father for us."

Question: I have a friend by the name of Eunice. A minister told her that Eunice in the Bible did a horrible thing and that he was surprised her parents gave her that name. My friend is not Catholic and she asked me to find out what the horrible thing was.

Answer: The only Eunice I am familiar with in the Bible is the mother of St. Timothy. She was a convert from Judaism to Christianity. Eunice is mentioned in Acts 16:1, and the second letter to Timothy in the New Testament praises her for her genuine faith (2 Timothy 1:5).

She sounds like a fine patron saint to have.

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Archbishop: Collegiality is issue in Seattle case

By Tracy Early

NEW YORK (NC) — Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee told a predominantly Protestant audience in New York that the "deeper problem" in the controversy over Seattle Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen is "how collegiality is going to work."

He said collegiality meant Catholic bishops govern with the bishop of Rome — the pope — but "we don't have the kind of forms needed" to put that principle into practice.

Archbishop Weakland declined to discuss specifics of the Vatican action, in which Archbishop Hunthausen was instructed to delegate to newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop Donald Wuerl final authority over certain designated areas.

But the Milwaukee archbishop said that in the years when he was abbot general of the world's Benedictines, he found that such limited-authority arrangements "never worked" to solve local problems.

Archbishop Weakland spoke about the Seattle case in response to a question following an address Oct. 8 on "God's Word and the American Economy." He was one of the principal speakers at a convocation co-sponsored by the interdenominational Riverside Church and Union Theological Seminary.

On another controversy, he indicated that he had come under attack for his recent criticisms of "rigid" responses by church leaders to ferment in Catholic moral theology. His comments, published in two successive columns in his archdiocesan newspaper in September, received national publicity.

In Washington Oct. 9 the archbishop said the mail he has received on the two columns was running about 25-1 in support of his views. He said he spoke out because priests and people in his archdiocese had asked him to address the issue.

In his address in New York Archbishop Weakland, who chairs the bishops' committee writing a pastoral letter on the U.S. economy, said the committee's hearings and thousands of letters commenting on the preliminary drafts revealed "much generosity" in the American people. But he said they are "very nervous at this moment" and therefore act in ways that seem to show a lack of concern.

Among "negative" factors in American culture, he cited "hyper-personalism," which he also termed "me-ism" and "rugged individualism." He said this appears as "privatization" in religion. "I always get disillusioned because I find this so prevalent in the Catholic Church," he said.

Archbishop Weakland said he found this individualism even among economists who graduated from Catholic colleges.

Instead of raising economic questions about the bishops' pastoral, he said, "they question my theology" because they have privatized religion to the point of separating "morals from economic and political thinking."

The same individualistic concept of religion, Archbishop Weakland said, is found among the young. He said he required every young person desiring the sacrament of confirmation to write him a letter explaining why, and most of the letters show an individualistic outlook. Often, he said, they make no mention of Christ or the Holy Spirit, but speak only of "me and God and that goody-goody feeling I got on retreat when the candles were burning and we held hands."

Parish dedicates new church

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praise and thanksgiving," the bishop prayed.

He used the holy water to bless the building's walls, marking them with a sign of the cross. The bishop then incensed the altar. Msgr. Cuddihy, Father Thompson and Deacon Rondeau then dressed the altar for the eucharistic celebration.

Offertory gifts were presented to Bishop Maher by Al and Vickie Celaya, the first couple to be married at St. Catherine Laboure Church.

Prelude and postlude music selections were performed by guest musicians Steve Welchel and Ron Russell, choir and music directors respectively at their Protestant churches, according to parishioner Jini Shanti.

Welchel and Russell, who sold the parish its new organ, offered their musical services for the dedication ceremony, added Shanti.

The combined folk and music groups from St. Catherine Laboure parish performed other selections used during the service.

Following the liturgy, over 1,300 guests attended a dinner and entertainment reception in the parish hall.



photo by Sam Lucero

ALTAR PREPARATION — Msgr. William Cuddihy, pastor, Father Noel Thompson, associate pastor, and Deacon Richard Rondeau prepare the altar at the new St. Catherine Laboure Church for eucharistic celebration as Bishop Leo T. Maher looks on.

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Msgr. William Cuddihy, left, pastor of St. Catherine Laboure parish, stands with Tony and Patty Garczynski, contractors, and Father Noel Thompson, associate pastor, after dedication of the new church.

Mass reflects multicultural dimension

By Joyce Carr

SAN DIEGO — Bishop Leo T. Maher celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Oct. 19 to culminate the parish's yearlong observance of its 75th anniversary.

Father Francis Penko, pastor, Msgr. Raymond Kirk and Father William Mooney, former pastors, concelebrated the liturgy, along with about 12 other clergy. Deacon Anthony Albers assisted.

The liturgy reflected the church's cultural diversity, as readings, petitions and songs were done alternately in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

In his homily Father Mooney said the parish is unique in its ethnic makeup. "We have three parishes in one . . . with people worshiping God in their own language."

He read a congratulatory letter from President Ronald Reagan who praised churches for the "comfort, compassion and guidance" they provide, which inspires their members to work for the common good.

Father Mooney called the parish a "power station," with the power of God's grace being pumped into the community.

He recounted some of the changes the parish has seen since its establishment in 1911.

Among these events were the arrival of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange who staffed the elementary school and the former Rosary High School. Graduates of this school include "Hollywood stars, playwrights and men of letters," he said.

The homilist called upon the assembly to "stand with the priests and sisters to make the parish a bulwark of peace and joy."

Bishop Maher thanked Fathers Penko and Mooney, Msgr. Kirk and the Sisters of St. Joseph for their work in the parish. The assembly responded with thundering applause.

The bishop urged the assembly to be a spiritual force in society. "We have been gifted by God . . . to practice virtues necessary for community living. Those who undermine virtue and say there is no moral law, undermine democracy."

He cited Pope John Paul II's reference to the "signs and symbols of death in the world" — the nuclear arms race, poverty and famine. "We have institutionalized death through the practice of abortion and euthanasia," he said.

He called upon the congregation to counteract these signs of death by giving to others the life they receive from the Holy Spirit.



photo by Jim Carr

JUBILEE CONCELEBRANTS — Msgr. Raymond Kirk, left, Bishop Leo T. Maher, and Fathers Francis Penko and William Mooney concelebrated the Mass of thanksgiving at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church. They are shown at the front entrance of the church. Father Mooney served as pastor from 1969 to 1977. He was replaced by Msgr. Kirk who headed the parish until last summer when Father Penko was appointed.

Bishop Maher decried the drug abuse epidemic, adding that "society should protect the innocent" and help people overcome their drug addition."

The liturgy was planned by representatives of the parish's Anglo, Hispanic and Vietnamese communities. Lectors were Jorge and Margarita Villasenor, Thu Ha Ngo, Dung Mai and Tom Warner.

The Mass was followed by a reception in Hannon Hall, hosted by the parish Altar and Rosary Society. Guests were entertained by Mexican and Vietnamese dancers.

Posted in the lobby were a Distinguished Service Award to the parish from the U.S. Congress and a special commendation from the city of San Diego, signed by Councilmember Gloria McColl.

Congratulatory letters were also on display from Mayor Maureen O'Connor, a Rosary High School graduate, from Congressman Jim Bates and County Supervisor Leon Williams.



photo by Jim Carr

OFFERTORY PROCESSION — Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange carry the gifts during last Sunday's Mass of thanksgiving. Sister Jeanette Black, left, walks with Sisters Katherine Gray, Michelle Tochtrop and Frances Hallicy. Sister Black, OLSH School counselor, attended this school and the former Rosary High School. Sisters Hallicy and Tochtrop are former principals of the parish school. Sister Gray is assistant general superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

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1911: The parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was founded with Father Patrick F. McLaughlin as pastor. The new parish in East San Diego included the areas now served by Blessed Sacrament, St. Didacus and Holy Spirit parishes.

1922: Father Michael Sullivan, pastor, doubled the size of the original church located at 42nd and Polk streets.

1926: The church was remodeled and moved to the corners of 42nd and Orange. Father Joseph Lynn, pastor, also remodeled the rectory.

1927: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School was opened by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. They moved into the new convent on 42nd Street.

1930: Father Owen Hannon became pastor.

1947: Ground-breaking and work were begun on a new and larger church.

1948: The new church, on the corner of Marlborough and Orange, was dedicated.

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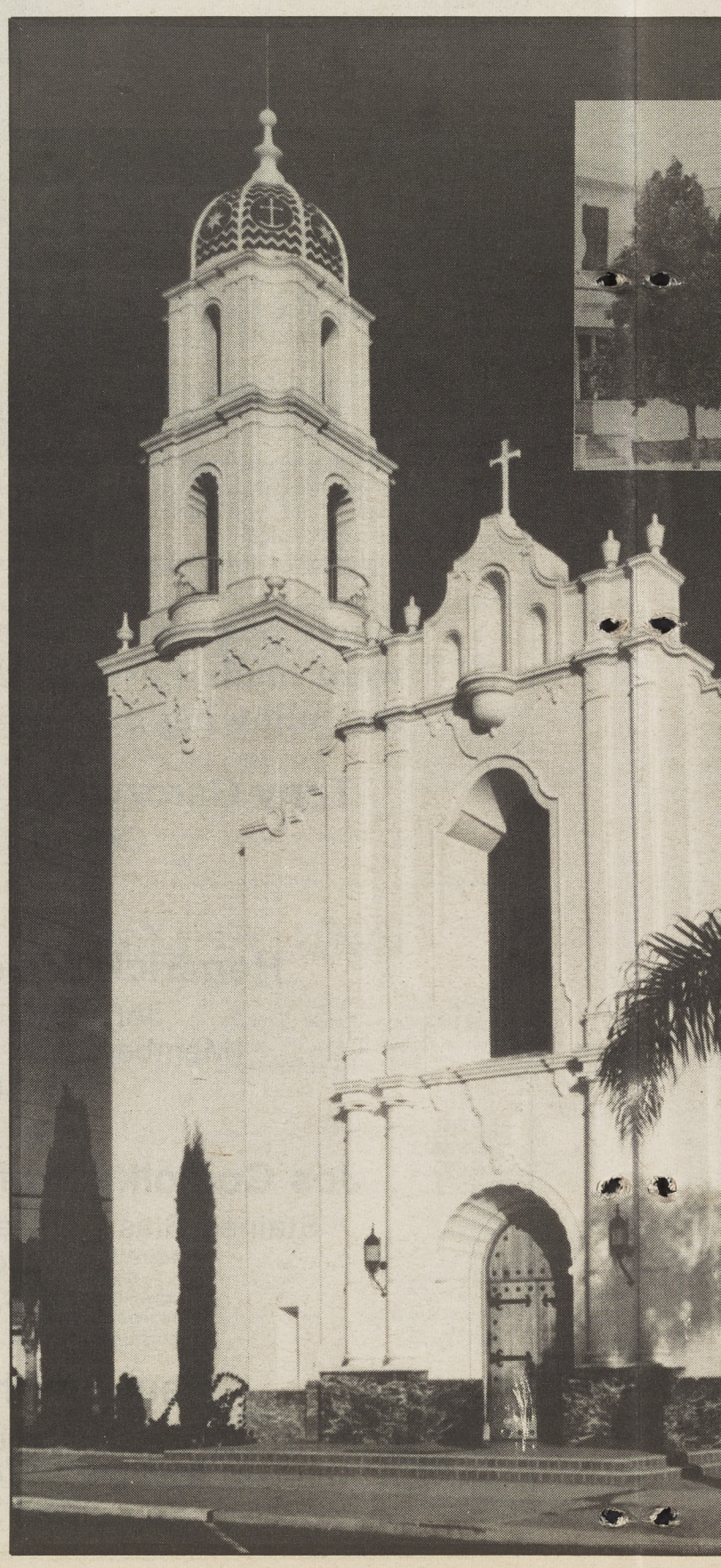
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1969: Father William Mooney became pastor after Msgr. Hannon's retirement.

1974: Joseph Remley became the first permanent deacon assigned to the parish.

1975: The new convent on Marlborough Ave. was dedicated. Father Luis Bernal became the first resident priest for the Spanish-speaking community.

1977: Father Raymond Kirk became pastor, succeeding Rev. William Mooney who was transferred to Blessed Sacrament Church.

1980: Father Frank Theriault, CSC, came to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart from Ontario, Canada.

1981: Ground was broken for Guadalupe Plaza, a senior citizens' residence on the previous site of the original school.

1982: Father Joseph Long became the resident priest for the Vietnamese community.

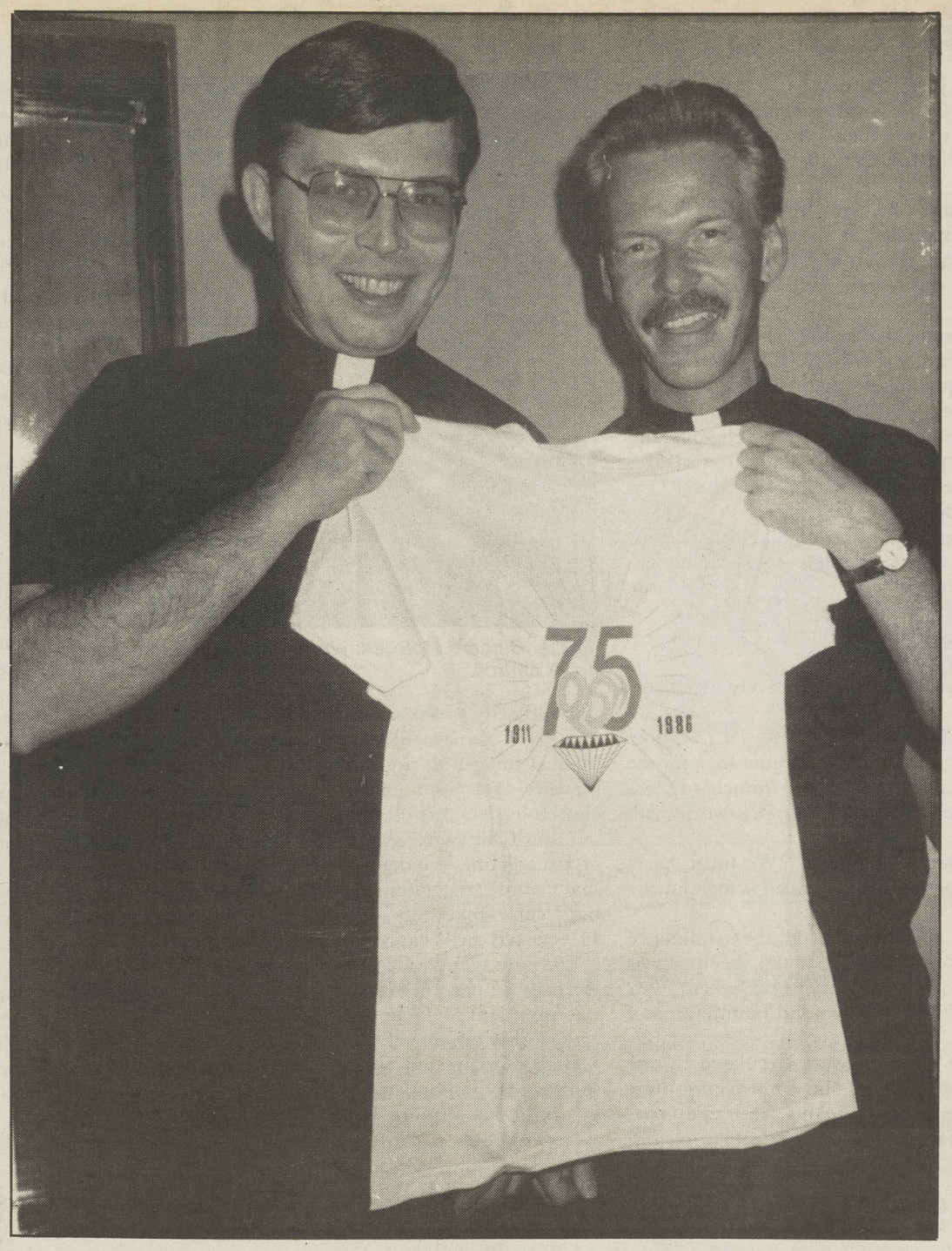


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JUBILEE LOGO — Father Francis Penko, pastor, and Father Gary Holtey, associate pastor, display a T-shirt designed for the parish's anniversary. Many parishioners purchased the T-shirts.





OLD AND NEW — The baroque and Spanish architecture of the present church contrasts with the original church built in 1911. This frame structure was used for 11 years. Recent renovations in the church include using the communion rail to form part of the front pews, adding the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Family chapels and replacing the corpus on the sanctuary cross with an image of the risen Christ.

Yearlong gatherings reunite past and present members

By Joyce Carr

SAN DIEGO — Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parish celebrated its diamond jubilee with events throughout the year planned to reunite former parishioners with present members of the community.

People born in 1911, the year the parish was founded, were treated to a free turkey dinner put on by the parish school staff May 4, said Teresa Deery, parish secretary.

The church's annual festival May 17 and 18 was also advertised to attract former parishioners. Proceeds from this fund-raiser benefited the school, Deery said.

Some 200 former OLSH members attended the anniversary open house Aug. 10, said Father Frank Theriault, CSC, associate pastor and coordinator of the jubilee activities. He described the gathering as a "joyful reunion," and a time of remembering past events.

Among the guests were clergy who formerly served at OLSH — Msgr. Raymond Kirk, pastor from 1977 until last summer; his predecessor Father William Mooney; and former associate pastors, Fathers Jerry DeLuney, Daniel Griesgraber, and Bruce Orsborn.

Some Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange, who had previously taught at the parish school, also attended the open house, Father Theriault said.

Former parishioners attended the parish's annual picnic at Crown Point Sept. 14. Many wore T-shirts advertising the diamond jubilee, Deery said. (See photo).

A dinner party at the Stardust Hotel Oct. 18 culminated the social activities celebrating the anniversary. A bake sale helped finance this occasion.

Several parishioners were asked how the anniversary celebrations affected the parish. All said the events strengthened community among the Anglos, Hispanics and Vietnamese. "These groups need to preserve their culture through their own liturgies and other activities," Betty Valdez said. "But they are now more conscious (of the concept) that we are a church."

The parish has always been a 'vibrant community, full of faith.'

Pat Sorenson

Parish bulletins also focused on the jubilee. The cover displayed a drawing of the church in front of the number "75."

A weekly column in the bulletin, "Seventy-Five and Very Much Alive," described past events in the church's history, such as a May crowning in 1948 and a bazaar in 1935 which advertised a 50-cent dinner.

Most of these entries were written by Hilda Lehrke, parish secretary from 1945 to 1975.

A member of OLSH for 64 years, Lehrke told the ***Southern Cross*** that the "parish has been blessed with outstanding, dedicated pastors." She believes that increased participation in the liturgy after the Second Vatican Council has brought many parishioners closer to the church.

The spirit of togetherness has not changed since the time "women used to prepare big dinners in a little kitchen," she said.

Pat Sorenson, who assisted Lehrke with the bulletin entries, agreed. The parish has always been a "vibrant community, full of faith," she said. "All the ethnic groups work together here."

She has been a parishioner since 1937 and was school secretary for a quarter of a century.

Sorenson recalled parish life during the depression of the 1930s and World War II. People packed the church (now the parish hall) for devotions to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The crowd overflowed onto the sidewalk and 42nd Street, she said. They stood, some with baby carriages, unable to hear the prayers and singing inside the church.

Women's ordination is focus of meeting

By Jerry Filteau

WASHINGTON (NC) — Repeated calls for Catholic ordination of women formed a thematic center of a three-day conference in Washington Oct. 10-12 on "Women in the Church."

Some 2,500 participants who came from all parts of the country cheered and applauded as speaker after speaker urged women to take up a place of full equality with men in both church and world — but with an emphasis on church.

Father Richard McBrien, chairman of the theology department of the University of Notre Dame, said he backed the ministry of qualified women not only as priests but as bishops and pope.

"All of us — women and men, clergy, Religious and laity — are called in principle to fulfill whatever ministries are required to advance that mission (of the church) for the sake of God's kingdom," he said.

Canadian Bishop Remi De Roo of Victoria, British Columbia, in the conference's closing address, did not explicitly call for ordination of women but said the issue "has become a symbol of the willingness or refusal of the Catholic Church to come to grips with the challenges presented by contemporary society."

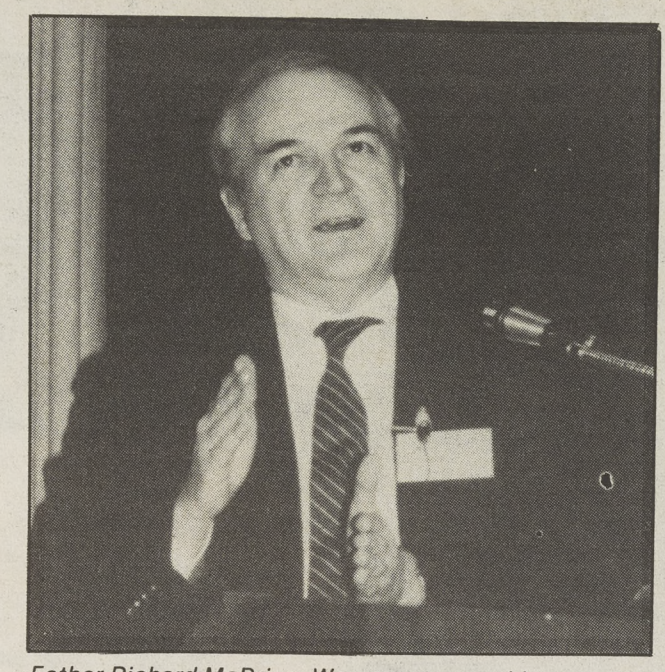
"At stake is how we continue effectively to image God," he said.

Benedictine Sister Joan Chittister of Erie, Pa., keynote speaker two days earlier, set a tone and framework for the meeting as she urged Catholics favoring women's equality to "swamp the chanceries and offices of the world with petitions for change."

"We must not be silent," she said. "We must speak up, and speak to, and speak on until sexism is seen for the sin it is and repented."

Although it had no specific part on the conference schedule, an undercurrent throughout the meeting was widespread opposition of participants to the recent Vatican disciplining of Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle.

"I love Hunthausen" buttons were circulated, a privately sponsored open forum on the controversy drew about 500 of the conference participants, and many participants signed a petition urging the Vatican to restore



Father Richard McBrien: Warns women not to separate from church.

full authority to the archbishop.

Sister Chittister, Bishop De Roo and others drew on biblical images to argue that God called women to full equality and Jesus encouraged it, but that early male church leaders missed the message.

Sister Chittister, head of the International Conference of Benedictine Women, found some humor in a church that claims "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" but "can, apparently, be brought to its knees by a little 11-year-old girl" carrying cruets to the altar.

Of more than 2,500 people who registered for the conference, 97 percent were women, said Michael Balhoff, vice president of Time Consultants Inc., the independent agency that organized the meeting.

Balhoff expressed some disappointment at the small showing of men but said that registrants included at least six bishops. Bishop De Roo and Auxiliary Bishop Amedee Proulx of Portland, Maine, were both present as speakers, he said, while other registrants included Auxiliary Bishop P. Francis Murphy of Baltimore and Bishops John Fitzpatrick of Brownsville, Texas, Joseph Breitenbeck of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Joseph Imesch of Joliet, Ill.

Bishop Imesch is chairman of a U.S. bishops' committee preparing a pastoral message on concerns of women in the church. Bishop Proulx, a member of that committee, addressed a workshop on development of the pastoral.

In an address Oct. 11 Benedictine Sister Mary Collins, co-director of the Center for Benedictine Studies in Atchison, Kan., called for "new patterns of authority, decision-making and administration" to end the "bondage" of clericalism in the church.

Training and support systems for priests bolster clerical authority and enforce unbiblical biases against women, she said. "I honestly do not know what it is that women cannot do in the service of the Gospel."

Father James Provost of the canon law faculty of The Catholic University of America did not call for ordination of women in his address, but he suggested that the issue was "very complicated." He said that "only a renewed anthropology will provide a means to cope with such a complex situation."

Father Provost urged advancing the role of women in the church by "developing a working consensus" on central rather than "peripheral" issues

At a press conference after his talk, he called women's ordination a peripheral issue, saying the current practice of ordained ministry is "in crisis" because of the shortage of priests and seminarians.

Although all major speakers at the conference stressed working within the church to advance women, at least one workshop leader suggested that feminist theology and Roman Catholicism may have reached a point of rupture.

The workshop leader, Mary Jo Weaver, an associate professor of religious studies at Indiana University, argued that all the basic crisis conditions which led to the Protestant Reformation are again present in the church regarding women.

"The logic of feminist theology brings us to the brink of a new Reformation. . . . I believe we are now at this juncture," she said.

Bishops want synod discussion of women's role

By Greg Erlandson

ROME (NC) — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago said a number of bishops' conferences want the role of women in the church to be discussed at the 1987 world Synod of Bishops on the laity.

The cardinal also said the forthcoming synod's working document may be made public early next year.

Cardinal Bernardin declined to discuss any of the responses in detail. However, he said, "the role of women was something that came up in a number of summaries."

The role of women is of interest to a number of episcopal groups, though they may express this interest in different ways, he added.

Cardinal Bernardin was in Rome attending an Oct. 8-11 meeting of the advisory council of the general secretariat of the Synod of Bishops.

The topic for the 1987 synod is "The Vocation and Mission of the Laity in the Church and the World 20 Years After the Second Vatican Council."

In an Oct. 13 interview, Cardinal Bernardin said the council reviewed the responses of bishops' conferences to the "lineamenta" — a 40-page document the Vatican distributed to the bishops as a basis for consultation prior to the laity synod.

The lineamenta, published in February 1985, stressed the need for lay people to bring their faith to secular society.

About half of the episcopal conferences sent in responses to the lineamenta, Cardinal Bernardin said. The synodal group read summaries of the responses and prepared an outline for the text of the synod's working paper.

"We discussed the points that we felt should go into" the working paper, he said.

Regarding the episcopal conference reponses, Cardinal Bernardin said there was a "kind of a consensus among the various reports" of the issues to be addressed.

Cardinal Bernardin said he expected the working paper to be made public early next year to allow further reaction to the synod's themes.

World synods, representative gatherings of bishops to advise the pope on major concerns facing the church, are usually held every three years. The 1987 session will be the seventh ordinary assembly since the Synod of Bishops was established after the Second Vatican Council.

The synod on the laity was originally scheduled for 1986, but it was delayed a year after Pope John Paul II called an extraordinary synod in 1985 to discuss the state of the church since the council.

Cardinal Bernardin said that during the October meeting progress on issues from last year's extraordinary Synod of Bishops was reported on.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger announced that the first meeting of a commission to work on a catechism or compendium of Catholic doctrine will take place in November, Cardinal Bernardin said.

The first meeting of a group to discuss the theological status of episcopal conferences also is scheduled to take place soon, he added.

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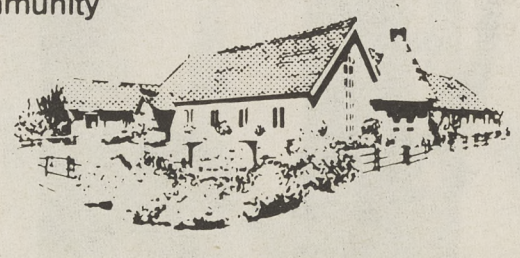
In addition, the parents may be pushed much closer to each other, without a 'buffer' between them. Sometimes conflicts and problems that have been in the background will surface.

It also takes time to work out a new relationship with the married child. When should parents comment on something that disturbs them? What should they say? Should they give advice or mind their own business? A couple may even argue over the "proper" relationship with a married child. In this difficult time, you may want to seek help from a professional counselor.

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School carnivals slated

By Joyce Carr

SAN DIEGO — Halloween is a time for carnivals with costumes and contests at schools throughout the diocese.

St. Charles School, Imperial Beach, will hold its annual Halloween carnival Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The carnival is not only for children, but is "aimed to involve the parish and the greater community," said Mary Bixby, principal. "It is a profit-maker and community-builder" in which all the school families are involved. She hopes the event will draw a crowd of 2,000 and net $7,000 to benefit the school.

The carnival will reflect the multicultural dimension of the parish, she said. It will feature Filipino, Mexican and Aztec dancers, and an Irish vocal ballad by Marie Kennedy, St. Charles' first grade teacher. Ethnic foods will be served.

The PD5 band will provide some of the music. One band member, Officer John Rivera, is the school's safety advisor, Bixby said.

The carnival will feature several walk-around attractions.

St. Charles parishioner Harris Quesnell, Sr., will be costumed as Chuck E. Cheese (see photo). He will be joined by a San Diego zoo employee disguised as Sidney, the koala bear, and a Sea World worker as Shamu. Wienerschnitzel restaurants will furnish a 25-foot balloon.

About 100 pupils are expected to compete for prizes in the costume contest, Bixby said. Judges will be members of the PTG and Associated Student Council.

Three prizes will be raffled — a Honda Spree motorbike, a portable color TV and a dual cassette record player.

Other attractions include a haunted house, go-cart rides and bingo.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, San Ysidro, will hold its Halloween festival and carnival Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The students' costume parade will take place at 1 p.m.

The carnival will feature a haunted house, game booths, raffles and Mexican food.

Proceeds will be used for the building fund for the new parish school.

The Academy of Our Lady of Peace will hold its Halloween carnival Oct. 30 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. It will feature a costume contest, cake walk, food booths and game booths.

Admission is 75 cents for adults and high school students and 25 cents for children under 12. Proceeds will help support the school's sports program.



photo by Joyce Carr

CARNIVAL FEVER — St. Charles School pupils Lynette Ny, left, and astronaut Bruce Jamieson show Harris Quesnell, Sr., dressed as Chuck E. Cheese, their Halloween costumes.

Briefs: OLA School anniversary, Scout leaders' training

SAN DIEGO — Our Lady of Angels School will observe its 75th anniversary Nov. 1.

Bishop Leo T. Maher will celebrate Mass at the parish church at 3 p.m. The liturgy will be followed by a buffet reception in the patio by the church.

The gathering will be a reunion of alumni; members of the first graduating class are expected to attend. Its graduates include Father John Blethen, prior of the Augustinian Fathers in San Diego, and Danny Topaz, organist for the San Diego Padres.

The school was founded in 1912. It was San Diego's first Catholic school, following the establishment of one for Indians at Mission San Diego de Alcala.

OLA School now serves two parishes, Our Lady of Angels and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

SAN DIEGO — Training sessions for prospective leaders of Girl Scouts and Campfire Girls will be held Nov. 1 at Blessed Sacrament School library from 9:30-11 a.m.

Another session will be given Nov. 15 at St. Gabriel parish, Poway, during the same hours.

For further information call Kathy Kakacek, 448-6194, or Eileen Rowley, 486-1149.

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"Glory of Christmas" at Crystal Cathedral, a St. Patrick's Seniors bus trip, Dec. 16. $34. Deposit due Oct. 28. Call: 282-7109.

Annual luncheon and card party, Nov. 1, noon. St. Vincent de Paul Church. $5 donation. Sponsored by Altar Society. Reservations: 295-3054, 296-3263, 298-7524.

Memorial Mass for Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m, St. Joseph Cathedral. Officers and members of courts assemble at 10:15 a.m. Info: 223-7516.

St. Vincent de Paul Mission Circle bus trip to Lawrence Welk's to see "High Button Shoes," Nov. 6. Bus leaves church at 9:30 a.m. Cost $35, payable at time of reservation. Deadline: Nov. 3. Reservations: 298-2081 or 298-5444.

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"Three cheers for the Irish" night, Oct. 24, 8 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene parish hall, Clairemont. Featuring Des Regan Band, the Liffey Folk and champion Irish dancers. Tickets $10. Details: 276-5974.

Educating Children to be Peacemakers, a workshop for teachers, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Ascension parish, Tierrasanta. Speakers: James and Kathleen McGinnis. Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Commission. Cost: $15. Call: 231-2828.

Retreat for young adults, (ages 18-35), Oct. 24-26, Camp Virginia, Julian Mountains. Sponsored by St. Brigid's young adult group. Cost: $35. To register, call 459-4499 (days) or 272-1815 (evenings).

Ministers of the Eucharist training, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Our Mother of Confidence parish hall, University City. Fee: $10. Pastor's approval required for enrollment. Details: 293-3375.

"October Magic," a charity event by North Shores Catholic Women's Club, Oct. 25, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Brigid parish hall, Pacific Beach. Featuring a luncheon and card party. Donation: $6.50. Proceeds benefit Adrian Dominican Sisters of Lemon Grove. Info: 274-5048 or 488-2053.

Friends of Nazareth House Mass and dinner for life members and volunteers, Oct. 26, 12:30 p.m., Nazareth House.

Single Again, a support group for separated, divorced and widowed Catholics, meeting, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene parish hall. Christine Burton to speak on "Courage, A Three Letter Word — Yes." Refreshments follow. More: 272-5365.

Luncheon/card party, Oct. 28, noon, Sacred Heart parish hall, Ocean Beach. Donation: $3. Sponsored by Sacred Heart Altar Society. Reservations required. Call: 223-6318 or 223-0649.

Ecumenical program, (in memory of Sr. Thomas Lyons), begins Oct. 30, 7:30-9 p.m., La Sala, Mission San Diego de Alcala. Speaker: Dr. Thomas Goble of Mission Valley Church of the Nazarene. Program continues Nov. 6, 13, 20. Details: 283-7319.

Dessert card party, Oct. 31, 12:30 p.m., Mary, Star of the Sea parish hall. $3 donation. Sponsored by Altar and Rosary Society. Reservations: 454-5077.

First Saturday Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m. Information: 276-3693.

"Updating Yourself in Catholic Tradition," an adult education program offered each Tuesday, 9 a.m. or 7:30 p.m., Resurrection parish, Escondido. Conducted by Sr. Mary Lou Carlson. Info: 747-6187.

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Macaroni dinner, Oct. 26, 1-5:30 p.m., St. Francis parish hall, Vista. Sponsored by Italian Catholic Federation, St. Francis Branch 239 of Vista. Includes mostaccioli with meat balls, garlic bread, salad, dessert and a beverage. Cost: adults $4.50; children $2. Info: 729-9327.

Healing workshop, Nov. 7-9, Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center. Directed by Dr. and Mrs. Hank Kankowski. Cost: $95. Call: 757-3659.

Bazaar, Nov. 8-9, St. James parish, Solana Beach.

"Eucharistic Themes in the Gospels," an adult education program, Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. James parish, Solana Beach. By Eugene La Verdiere. Sponsored by the Diocese of San Diego. Call: 755-7669.

"Role of the Laity: You are the Church," an adult education program, Nov. 19, 7:30 p.m., St. James parish, Solana Beach. More: 755-7669.

South Bay

Film series, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 28, 9:30 a.m. St. Charles Church, Imperial Beach. "Power in Parenting: The Young Child."

Pre-inaugural dance, St. Mary Church, National City. $5 donation. Sponsored by Fil-Am Assoc.

Film series, Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m. St. Charles Church, Imperial Beach. "Power in Parenting: The Adolescent."

East County

"Nurturing Children to be Peacemakers," a workshop by Jim and Kathy McGinnis, Oct. 25, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Martin parish hall, La Mesa. Cost: $5 a person; $8 couple; $13 family (price increases by $2 after Oct. 15). Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Commission. Call: 231-2828.

Rosary Procession, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. Carmelite Sisters Little Flower Haven. Info: 466-3163.

Halloween Carnival, Oct. 31, 5-9 p.m., St. Martin Church. Spaghetti dinner 5-7:30 p.m.

Holiday boutique, Nov. 1-2, St. Therese Church hall, Del Cerro. Hours: Sat. 9 a.m.-noon & 2 p.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Handcrafted items to be featured. Sponsored by Catholic Community Services Auxiliary.

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Eso depende — unas listas para hispanos

Por P. Domingo Rodriguez, ST

Tantas cosas y situaciones en nuestra vida parecen depender de tantos otros elementos y realidades que controlan y guían nuestro comportamiento y proceder. La frase o respuesta ''Eso depende . . .,'' la oímos con demasiada frecuencia. Aún cuando no la verbalizamos, parece ser lo que estamos pensando.

Recientemente mientras esperaba mi vuelo en un aeropuerto, encontré un librito en inglés que alguien dejó en uno de los asientos. ''It all depends,'' se titulaba. Era un ''paperback'' escrito por un autor protestante, Fritz Ridenour. Su argumento era de combatir el tipo de moralidad que es tan común hoy en día, el de la conveniencia, basada en la actitud de ''eso depende.'' Aunque no lo leí, sí miré unas cuantas páginas y me estuvo la mar de interesante. Claro, inmediatamente mi cerebro empezó a correr con las ideas.

''¡Qué interesante sería,'' me dije a mí mismo, ''describir y compartir con mis lectores algunas de esas actitudes y comportamientos nuestros que parecen obedecer a ese conocido, ''eso depende . . .!''

Mientras viajaba en el avión, puse mi mente a caminar y a anotar unos apuntes locos, sin son ni ton. ¿Cómo describir los ''esos depende'' típicos nuestros? De un montón de ideas salteadas y ''emborujás,'' esto fue lo que me salió. Rápido me adelanto a señalar, que sé muy bien algunos de esos argumentos no son solamente nuestros, como hispanos. Pero sí, que nosotros le añadimos esa cualidad de flexibilidad tan característica nuestra. Bueno, pero aquí van los ejemplos.

En aquello de mi cumplir con mi deber cristiano, como buen católico, de asistir a la Misa todos los domingos para celebrar mi fe con mi comunidad cristiana, eso depende:

• de que no esté lloviendo-en mi país, nadie salía cuando llovía!

• de que no sea verano-pues después de todo un invierno encerrado en un apartamento, los días calurosos y soleados son para disfrutarlos en jiras y paseos!

• de que esté nevando y haga mucho frío-entonces sí que vale la pena salir para la Iglesia, pues si uno saldría para otro lugar lo considerarían a uno ''medio-loco!''

• de que no esté de vacaciones-pues se supone que uno está libre de todas las obligaciones!

• de que no me llegue visita-uno no puede dejar la visita sola en la casa, sería falta de respeto!

• de que no me haya amanecido la noche antes-el cuerpo sólo aguanta tanto!

• de que me desperte a tiempo-ya que es muy difícil disciplinar el sueño!

• de qué Cura diga la Misa-pues a ese yo no le entiendo ni papa; o ese me duerme!

• de que no se alargue mucho la Misa-ya que mi fe es muy corta!

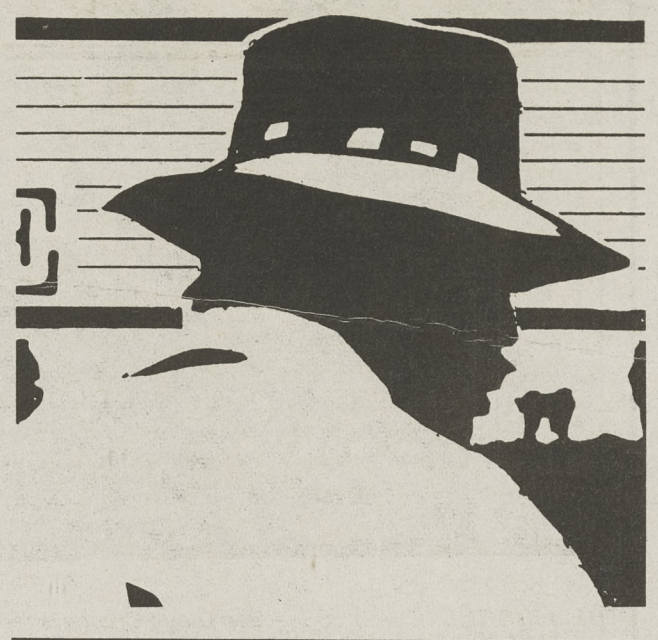
• de que haya buena música en la Misa-así uno se entretiene más y mejor!

• de que no haya música-eso del desorden, no me gusta!

• de que la Misa sea a una hora razonable-o sea, después de las 11:00 a.m. y antes de las 12:00 p.m.!

• de que tenga algo que ponerme-usualmente uno va bien vestido a Misa, por supuesto!

• de que me den pon, o de que me prenda el carro-eso de ir a pie como lo hacía en mi tierra, ya eso pasó a la historia!



• de que no tenga que trabajar-ya que el trabajo viene primero!

• de que no tenga otro compromiso-pues en la vida hay que tener prioridades!

• de que no vaya fulano (a)-esa gente siempre me cae mal!

• de que alguien me cuide los nenes-nunca los dejo solos, excepto para algo importante!

• de que me sienta bien-pues la migraña siempre me da en domingo!

y solo esos pocos ejemplos para que Uds. mismos le añadan otros más. Por supuesto, eso depende de que se atrevan a mirar atrás y a pensar un poquito en las excusas que cada uno pone para no ir a Misa.

En aquello otro de si me enamoro o no, si me caso o no, claro, que todo eso depende:

• de que encuentre a alguien-solo(a), no me puedo casar!

• de que sea guapo(a)-a los feos, que esperen!

• de que no sea muy ''aguzao'' (a)-es mejor cuando son medios bobos(as)!

• de que me deje hacer lo que me da la gana-como un niño(a) mimado(a)!

• de que no me mande mucho-para eso dejé al ''pai'' mío,pa' que nadie me mande más!

• de que no sea dominante-con ese carácter, nadie puede vivir!

• de que tenga dinero-pues aunque el amor es primero, el dinero siempre ayuda!

• de que la familia de él o ella no se meta-lo nuestro, no le importa a nadie!

• de que no quiera tener hijos-eso de tener hijos es ''old-fashioned!''

• de que quiera tener muchos hijos-dónde come uno, comen dos, comen tres, comen 4, comen 5, etc.!

• de que no sea muy religioso(a)-eso de tener principios cristianos es una ''chabienda!''

• de que sepa planchar y cocinar-para eso son las mujeres!

• de que sea macho y ''tofete''-con tal que no me salga medio afeminado!

• de que se porte bien-porque si no, lo(la) dejo!

• de que sea ''sexy''-así se goza más!

• de que no salga mucho-eso de estar en la calle es para los perros realengos!

• de que me complazca en todo-como lo hizo mi Mami cuando yo era chiquito(a)!

Sé que algunas de esas condiciones son ejemplos ridículos, pero así muchas veces es que pensamos y hablamos. ¡Eso depende de cúan madura es la persona que se enamora y proyecta casarse! Eso depende también de todo lo que él o ella ha aprendido respecto a la entrega conyugal.

Y si ahora habláramos de lo que es nuestro comportamiento en general, también tendríamos muchos ''esos dependes.'' Mencionemos algunos otros ejemplos:

En cuanto a si cumplo responsablemente en mi trabajo o no, eso depende:

• de que no me estén velando-entonces sí que soy el mejor de los empleados!

• de que no me cojan-por aquello de que-''no contaban con mi astucia,'' como el Chapulín!

• de que no me empujen mucho-soy bueno(a), pero no sanano(a)!

• de que confíen en mi-pues ya soy grandecito(a)!

• de que me paguen bien-pues, si no, me lo pagan de otra manera!

• de que me traten bien-en esto es, dando y dando!

• de que me guste lo que hago-nadie puede trabajar de mala gana!

Refiriéndome a si me identifico como hispano(a) o no, claro, eso depende:

• de que me convenga-para eso somos libres, para hacer como nos plazca!

• de que pueda pasar por otra cosacuando a veces somos víctimas de la discriminación!

• de que pueda conseguir el empleo-beneficiando así a las minorías!

• de que no me ponga nervioso(a)-es lo que me pasa, por mis complejos!

Aún todavía, a riesgo de cansarles, otro último ejemplo. ¡Bendito, si les he cansado con mi relato, eso depende si hablo de la realidad nuestra o no!

Muchos de nuestros jóvenes encuentran el estudiar un poco difícil. El estudiar o no, eso depende:

• de que no consiga un trabajo-mejor es ganar dinero que quemarse las pestañas!

• de que los estudios no sean muy fuertes-la verdad es que eso de estudiar mucho es para los ''nerds!''

• de que el maestro(a) sea buena gente-yo no tengo que aguantarle eso a nadie!

• de que la escuela no sea muy lejos-eso de viajar media hora cansa!

• de que en esa escuela esté con ''mi crowd''-si no entonces es ''no fun!''

Esta lista no ha sido exhaustiva, pero creo que entendieron la idea que quería comunicarles. Sería interesante que reflexioná ramos en lo indeciso muchas veces, de nuestras acciones y comportamientos. Andaríamos con mucha más integridad y provecho personal. Claro, todo eso depende!!!

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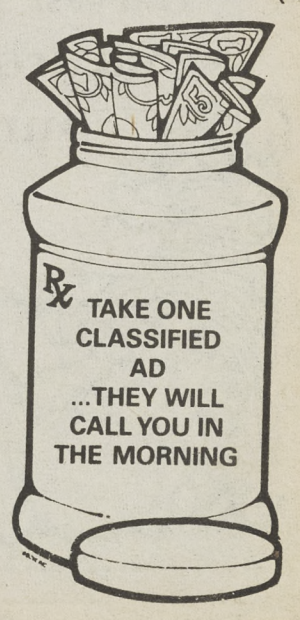
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Bishops release draft message on economy pastoral

WASHINGTON (NC) — Catholic social teaching is demanding because "the Gospel is demanding," says the first draft of a message by the U.S. bishops on the economy.

The message is to accompany the forthcoming national pastoral letter, "Economic Justice for All," which the nation's Catholic bishops are to debate and vote on when they meet in Washington Nov. 10-13.

"The challenge of this pastoral letter is not merely to think differently, but also to act differently," says the message. "A renewal of economic life depends on the conscious choices and commitments of individual believers."

The 3,600-word message was made public in Washington Oct. 23, about a week after it was mailed to the bishops of the country. Like the pastoral letter itself, which runs 53,000 words, the message is to be debated, amended and voted on during the bishops' November meeting.

Development of the pastoral letter goes back to 1980, but the decision to issue a shorter message along with it originated with a meeting of the bishops in Collegeville, Minn., in June 1984.

Many of the bishops said a shorter, simpler message was needed to reach millions of Americans who would not read the whole pastoral letter or who would find a brief overview a helpful introduction to the longer, more technical document.

The message begins with a brief background on the development of the pastoral letter and the reasons the bishops undertook it.

"Economic life raises important social and moral questions for each of us and for society as a whole," it says.

"Like family life, economic life is one of the chief areas where we live out our faith, love our neighbor, confront temptation, fulfill God's creative design and achieve our holiness . . . As a community of believers, we know that our faith is tested by the quality of justice among us."

The message says the bishops' specific judgments do not carry the same authority as the church's general moral teaching, but "the church's teachings cannot be left at the level of appealing generalities."



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HELPING THE HOMELESS — San Diego Chargers receiver Eric Sievers, left, Father Joseph Carroll, director of the St. Vincent de Paul Center, and Tony Diloia, president of Balloonatiks, prepare to release 10,000 balloons to help raise money for San Diego's homeless. The campaign, 'Balloons Across San Diego,' hopes to net $250,000 to feed and house the needy.

Balloon launch kicks off fund drive

SAN DIEGO — Ten thousand balloons were released from the new St. Vincent de Paul Center Oct. 11 to kick off a fund-raising campaign for San Diego's homeless.

On hand for the balloon launch were San Diego Chargers receiver Eric Sievers and his wife Diana, the campaigns's celebrity co-chairs. Father Joseph Carroll, director of the St. Vincent de Paul Center, also participated in the balloon release.

Balloons Across San Diego was conceived by Anthony DiIoia, president of Balloonatiks, and patterned after the Hands Across America campaign.

"I anticipate complete success" for the campaign, said DiIoia. "It will be a county-wide community effort to reach the goal of raising $250,000 by Thanksgiving to feed and house the homeless of San Diego."

All funds raised will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Center, said DiIoia. The 10,000 balloons launched Oct. 11 was the first of three balloon releases.

"We plan to release over 250,000 balloons all over San Diego County on Nov. 22," he said.

Twelve shopping malls in the county will participate in a second balloon launch Nov. 22. San Diegans will be asked to donate $1 per balloon in sets of five through their local 7-11 stores.

Plans call for releasing 20,000 balloons from each of 12 sites. Another 10,000 balloons will be set afloat prior to kickoff at the Chargers-Los Angeles Raiders game Nov. 20.

Malls participating in the balloon launch include: College Grove Center, Flower Hill Mall, Gaslamp District, Grossmont Shoping Center, Horton Plaza, La Jolla Village Square, Mission Valley Center, North County Fair, Parkway Plaza, Plaza Bonita, Plaza Camino Real and Seaport Village.

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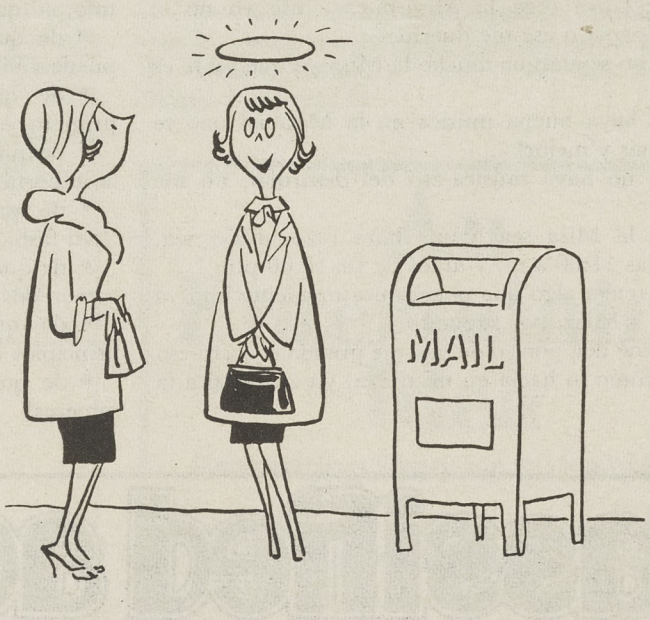
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